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December 16, 1904

*Interisland army transports no longer required to await quarantine inspection.*

[Inclosure.]

MANILA, P. I., October 25, 1904.

SIR: Owing to the favorable sanitary reports which have been received during the past month with regard to the quarantinable diseases in the Philippine Islands, I have the honor to state that it will be no longer necessary for the interisland army transports, which carry as part of their personnel army medical officers, to procure bills of health at ports of departure, or to await quarantine inspection at ports of arrival, unless there is sickness aboard, in which event inspection by the quarantine officer should be awaited as in the past.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,  
Passed Assistant Surgeon,  
*Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,  
*Philippine Division, U. S. Army, Manila, P. I.*

PORTE RICO.

*Reports of immigration at San Juan, Ponce, and subport.*

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION,  
*Port of San Juan, P. R., November 28, 1904.*

*Report of arrivals of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended November 26, 1904.*

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of aliens.
Nov. 21	Manual Calvo .....	La Guaira .....	10
		Puerto Cabello .....	2
		Colon .....	1
		Sabanilla .....	3
		Limon .....	12
22	Pio IX .....	Barcelona .....	4
		Palma de Majorca .....	1
		Cadiz .....	11
23	do .....	Barcelona .....	4
		Santa Cruz de Tenerife .....	1
PONCE.			
Nov. 23	Maracaibo .....	Curaçao .....	1
	Total .....		51

BENSON H. SISSON, *Acting Commissioner.*

SAN JUAN, December 5, 1904.

*Report of arrivals of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended December 3, 1904.*

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of aliens.
Nov. 28	Montevideo .....	Barcelona, Spain .....	41
		Cadiz, Spain .....	3
30	Christiansted .....	Malaga, Spain .....	2
	Caracas .....	St. Thomas, Danish West Indies .....	22
		La Guaira, Venezuela .....	3
	FAJARDO.		
15	Angel Maria .....	St. Thomas, Danish West Indies .....	2
18	Triunfo .....	do .....	2
	PONCE.		
Dec. 30	Valdivia .....	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic .....	1
1	Christiansted .....	St. Thomas, Danish West Indies .....	1
	Total .....		77

BENSON H. SISSON, Acting Commissioner.

### *Report from Ponce—Transactions of service.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres reports, December 3, through Chief Quarantine Officer King, as follows:

#### *Summary of transactions of service, during the month of November, 1904.*

Vessels inspected .....	15
Bills of health issued .....	21
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming .....	53
In transit .....	875
Crew inspected .....	720
Vessels quarantined .....	6
Immigrants inspected .....	19
Rejection .....	0
Number of passengers detained in quarantine .....	0
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected .....	0

### WEST INDIES.

#### *Reports from Barbados—Inspection of vessels—Measles prevailing on the Island—Smallpox cases discharged from quarantine.*

Assistant Surgeon Ward reports, November 22 and 29, as follows:

During the week ended November 19, 1904, bills of health were issued to 3 steamships and 4 sailing vessels, with 155 crew, 3 steerage, and 6 cabin passengers. Of this number I inspected 3 steamships, 1 sailing vessel, 126 crew, 3 steerage, and 6 cabin passengers, of whom 3 of the crew, 2 steerage, and 3 cabin passengers were taken on at this port.

A mild type of measles is now prevailing on this island. The few cases that I have seen present neither a picture of our ordinary measles (rubeola) nor of the so-called German measles (rötheln).

After an incubative period of about two weeks, the disease is ushered in by slight chilly sensations, some fever, and marked depression out of all proportion to the other symptoms. There are no catarrhal